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Dear Ms. or Sir,

Please consider this a request under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and the Electronic Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C § 552.

I am seeking copies of records of the OSHA investigation of Total Earth Services LLC stemming from an employee injury on Jan. 10, 2019, in Gainesville, Florida. The relevant inspection detail is here on OSHA's website:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/establishment.inspection_detail?id=1371506.015. I am seeking copies of any investigative findings; witness statements or interrogatories; medical reports; photographs, video or audio files; and any emails exchanged since Jan. 10, 2019, within OSHA's regional office containing the keywords "Total Earth" or any reference number to this specific investigation, and any emails exchanged since then between OSHA and the company's executives or representatives. You may exclude turning over copies of news clippings or press releases.

Please release any information pursuant to my requests as it is received and/or reviewed by your office, rather than waiting to send me all the material I have requested. If you have questions or need to contact me, I can be reached at 352-294-1543 and my e-mail address is tbridis@ufl.edu. I certify that, in addition to being a professor in the College of Journalism and Communications at the University of Florida, I am an editor for the Fresh Take Florida news service, operated at the University of Florida, which covers matters of public importance involving government activity across the state of Florida. Details are here: <https://www.jou.ufl.edu/2019/01/29/ufs-fresh-take-florida-to-provide-news-coverage-of-state-government/>.

As I am making this request for use in reporting the news, no fees may be assessed for searching or reviewing documents sought by this request, and no duplication fees should be charged for the first 100 pages of material (see 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II)). I hereby consent to pay duplication charges up to a total not to exceed \$50. Please notify me in advance before incurring any duplication charges in excess of this amount.

As you know, the Act permits you to reduce or waive the fees when the release of the information is considered as "primarily benefiting the public." I believe that this request fits that category and I therefore ask that you waive any fees.

If all or any part of this request is denied, please cite the specific exemption(s) that you think justifies your refusal to release the information and inform me of your agency's administrative appeal procedures available to me under the law.

I would appreciate your handling this request as quickly as possible, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Bridis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ted Bridis
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